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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK HOSTS 11TH ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE FAIR, OCTOBER 27

Tucson, AZ – Saguaro National Park and Western National Parks Association are hosting the 11th Annual American Indian Culture Fair on Saturday, October 27 in the Tucson Mountain District (west). Festivities include traditional craft demonstrations, Navajo rug talks, flute workshops, live music, food, and activities for kids.

“There will be opportunities to learn about traditional rug making, bead making, pottery and jewelry crafting directly from the artisans,” said Andy L. Fisher, Chief of Interpretation for Saguaro National Park. Many of those artisans will also be selling their craft items. “Just in time for the holiday shopping season,” noted Fisher.

Artisans include Tohono O’odham basket weavers and wood carvers, Navajo Jewelry makers, flute carvers, Hopi Katsina carvers, Zuni carvers, Acoma silversmiths and Jemez sculptors. Southern Scratch will be performing traditional Willa music. Hubbell Trading Post is also hosting a Navajo rug show and talk. The festival will be open from 9am to 4pm at the Red Hills Visitor Center located at 2700 N. Kinney Road, approximately two miles northwest of the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. Everyone is welcome and the event is free of charge. Come out and spend the day enjoying local traditional culture in your Saguaro National Park.

For more information visit www.nps.gov/sagu or www.wnpa.org, or contact the Tucson Mountain District, of Saguaro National Park at 520 733 5158.

Daily Schedule:

9:30am – Free Native American Flute Workshop

10:00am – Yoeme Deer Dance Group

11:30am – Tohono O’odham Willa music, Southern Scratch (courtesy of Canyon Records)

1:00pm – Hubbell Trading Post Rug Show and Talk

2:00pm – Free Native American Flute Workshop

2:30pm – Marvin Todacheenie, Native Flute Player

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